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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9241

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, DR

SUBJECT: REPORTED CONFISCATION OF WEAPONS BELONGING TO DOMINICAN  
AIR GUARDS ON CDA AIRCRAFT

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY DOMINICAN AIRPORT OFFICIALS THAT "U.S. AUTHORITIES" AT JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN NEW YORK APPARENTLY CONFISCATED TWO 45 CALIBER PISTOLS BELONGING TO DOMINICAN SECURITY OFFICIALS WHO REGULARLY ACCOMPANY DOMINICANA (CDA) FLIGHTS ON THE NEW YORK-SANTO DOMINGO RUN. THE ALLEGED CONFISCATION REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 12 PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF CDA FLIGHT NO. 903 WHEN U.S. OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY BOARDED THE CDA AIRCRAFT AND TOOK THE ARMS FROM A SECURE WEAPONS LOCKER ON THE AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO THE SAME DOMINICAN OFFICIALS, THE FLIGHT WAS DELAYED APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WHILE DOMINICANA OFFICIALS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER THEIR WEAPONS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ANTICIPATION OF A FORMAL INQUIRY FROM THE GODR ON THIS MATTER, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BY RETURN CABLE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN DEVELOP WITH RESPECT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION.  
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